

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 11/16/04)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Name Change for the Industrial Development Authority

The Industrial Development Authority adopted a motion at their September meeting to request that the Board of Supervisors change the name of the Authority to the Economic Development Authority of York County, Virginia. The Authority feels that this name better represents their work and projects the proper image to prospects. The Authority's work is much broader than industrial projects, as they have been involved in many other types of endeavors including retail and office developments.

During the last General Assembly session, the State adjusted the Code section dealing with industrial development authorities to allow the governing body of any locality to change the Industrial Development Authority's name to Economic Development Authority. Prior to this change in the State Code, separate legislation adopted by the General Assembly was required for any locality to change the name of their authority. The General Assembly decided to make this easier for the localities because so many of them want to change their name to an economic development authority. Newport News, James City County and Gloucester County, among others, have changed the name of their Authorities to Economic Development Authority. Because section 2-48 of the York County Code now specifies the Industrial Development Authority's name, the name change must be effected by amending that Code provision. A proposed ordinance amendment (O04-27), duly advertised for a public hearing is attached for your consideration.

I believe that this name change is appropriate and will give the Industrial Development Authority a more accurate brand.

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Attachment

- Ordinance O04-27